



# ARIJ Daily Report

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## Israeli Violations' Activities in the oPt 25 January 2017

The daily report highlights the violations behind Israeli home demolitions and demolition threats in the occupied Palestinian territory, the confiscation and razing of lands, the uprooting and destruction of fruit trees, the expansion of settlements and erection of outposts, the brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army, the Israeli settlers violence against Palestinian civilians and properties, the erection of checkpoints, the construction of the Israeli segregation wall and the issuance of military orders for the various Israeli purposes.

*The Violations are based on reports provided by field workers and/or news sources.*

*The text is not quoted directly from the sources but is edited for clarity.*

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### Brutality of the Israeli Occupation Army

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a young Palestinian man from the al-Khader town, south of Bethlehem, in the occupied West Bank. Many army jeeps invaded the town, searched homes and abducted one Palestinian, identified as Nidal Sa'id Sbeih. The Army caused damage to the searched homes, including a home owned by Ayman Salah, who was also interrogated by the soldiers. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) continued, for the eighth consecutive day, the extensive invasions and violent searches of homes in Jenin city, and Wad Burqin area, in northern West Bank, looking for Ahmad Jarrar, who survived an assassination attack. During the attack, the soldiers killed his cousin, Ahmad Ismail Mohammad Jarrar, 31, who was not involved in politics. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)

### **Israeli Arrests**

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded, Sa'ir town, east of the southern West Bank city of Hebron, and shot a Palestinian teen with a live round, before detaining him. The IOA stormed and ransacked many homes and shops, in several neighborhoods in the town. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Beit Einoun area in Hebron, shot Ahmad Issa Shalalda, 16, with a live round in his leg, and detained him. The teen was shot after the soldiers attacked with live fire, rubber-coated steel bullets and gas bombs, dozens of Palestinians, who protested the invasion. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) installed roadblocks on main roads leading to villages and towns near Road #60, used by Israeli settlers and the military in Hebron. The IOA stopped and searched many cars and interrogated many Palestinians while inspecting their ID cards. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Nidal Sa'id Sbeih, 25, and Abdullah Awad 'Obeyyat, from Bethlehem. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Dia' al-Aghbar from Nablus. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Fayez Sa'id Dar Doura from Beit Liqya, southwest of Ramallah. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a Palestinian father and his son, in Bani Neim town. The IOA invaded and searched many homes, and interrogated several Palestinians, before abducting the father and his son. The two were identified as Ahmad Damen Ziyadat,

47, and his son, Mohammad. The IOA searched Ziyadat's home for more than two hours, removed and destroyed tiles, and furniture, causing excessive damage. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a woman, identified as Sahar Mousa Ezreiqat, 41, from Taffouh town, west of Hebron, after stopping her near the Ibrahimi Mosque, in Hebron city. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) invaded Sa'ir town, east of Hebron, and shot a Palestinian teen, identified as shot [Ahmad Issa Shalalda](#), 16, with a live round, before detaining him. The IOA stormed and ransacked many homes and shops, in several neighborhoods in the town. (IMEMC 25 January 2018)
- Israeli Supreme Court in Jerusalem rejected, the appeal presented by the severely-burnt detainee Israa Jaabis, demanding to reduce her 11-year sentence. on January 11, the Supreme Court postponed its response to the appeal of Jaabis and decided to send it to her lawyer, Lea Zimmel. In turn, Israa's family prepared to file a plea to the Israeli court to allow the entry of a surgeon and a psychologist to examine her condition. In October of 2015, Jaabis was detained in critical condition after a gas cylinder exploded in her car, near a military checkpoint to the east of Jerusalem. She was sentenced to 11 years in jail after being charged with "attempting to carry out an attack against the soldiers."
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained Ahmad Mohammad al-'Allami, 24, from Beit Ummar town, north of the southern West Bank city of Hebron. The Palestinian was detained at the "Container Roadblock," south of occupied East Jerusalem, while he was on his way back to Hebron.
- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained a young man, identified as Forsan Hani al-Ghoul, from Jenin refugee camp, in northern West Bank, while he was working in occupied Jerusalem.
- Dozens of soldiers and settlers invaded the archeological area in Sebastia Palestinian town, northwest of the northern West Bank city of Nablus, and removed Palestinian flags.

- The Israeli occupation Army (IOA) detained an unidentified foreign activist while on the al-Shuhada Street in the Old City of Hebron in the southern occupied West Bank and transferred him to an unknown location. The identity of the foreign activist remained unknown. (Maannews 25 January 2018)

### **Home Demolition & Demolition threats**

- The so-called Israeli Civil Administration and the Israeli occupation authorities notified owners of three houses in Al Jamama area in the village of As Samou, south of Hebron, to stop work and construction in their houses under the pretext of lacking building permits. The houses are owned by Ibrahim Salama Al-Salamin, Shehda Rezeq and Ahmad Qarain. (WAFA 25 January 2018)

### **Expansion of settlements**

- The Council for Higher Education supports the application of Israeli law to colleges and universities in the West Bank, a council member said Wednesday, disagreeing with other academics who warn that such a move could expand the boycott movement abroad among opponents of the settlements. The council member was speaking at the Knesset Education, Culture and Sports Committee. The panel approved a bill that would close the Council of Higher Education in Judea and Samaria – the West Bank – and give responsibility for all academic institutions in the West Bank to the Israeli council. The committee sent the bill, sponsored by MK Shuli Moalem-Refaeli (Habayit Hayehudi), to the full Knesset for the first of three votes needed to make it a law. The Education Committee did not discuss the bill's possible implications regarding the boycott movement abroad. The bill is one of a series of bills from right-wing Habayit Hayehudi and other parties in the governing coalition designed to apply Israeli law to Jews living in the West Bank. "Alongside the academic importance of the bill, there is an element of imposing sovereignty, and I'm proud of the two things together," Moalem-Refaeli told the committee. A representative of the Council for Higher Education, attorney Nadav Shamir, said the bill had a number of advantages; for example, it would end duplication. "The situation today of an Israeli council and a Judea and Samaria council harms our national planning," Shamir said. "What interests the council is academics, and from a professional regulatory standpoint we're in favor of the law." Yair Lapid's Yesh Atid was the only opposition party that supported the

bill. Opposition MKs arranged for a revote to take place; only then will the bill go to the full Knesset. No date has yet been set for the revote. MK Yossi Yonah (Zionist Union) said approval of the bill would harm Israel. "I speak out of a Zionist fear for Israel's future as a Jewish and democratic state," Yonah said. "I think these steps of normalization of the control over the Palestinian people don't serve us well." One reason for the bill is the growing legal problem surrounding the establishment of a medical school at Ariel University in the West Bank. The university needs new legislation because it wants to cooperate with a teaching hospital in Israel proper. Because Ariel University is under different academic auspices than the hospitals, there's a problem in the granting of academic credits between the two institutions. Former Zionist Union MK Manuel Trajtenberg, a former head of the council's planning and budgeting committee, told Haaretz the bill would violate the agreements with the European Union on preserving a separation between academic institutions in Israel and the West Bank. This could cause the EU to remove Israel from [the Horizon 2020](#) scientific research program worth hundreds of millions of euros. "To sacrifice Israel science and research on the altar of applying Israeli law to Judea and Samaria would be a disastrous result," he said. Education Minister Naftali Bennett, who heads the council, has been pushing for the bill's approval in recent weeks – and has even clashed with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu over the matter. Bennett even threatened to block other coalition-sponsored bills until the council bill advanced. Members of the committee of university presidents and the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities were invited to the committee session but declined to appear. The two groups have yet to provide their views on the bill. The committee of university presidents said it was not a party to the matter. The Council for Higher Education in Judea and Samaria is responsible for three institutions of higher learning in the West Bank: Ariel University, Orot Israel Academic College of Education in Elkana and Herzog College in Alon Shvut. A section of the bill requires the Israeli council to automatically recognize these three institutions. The council in Judea and Samaria was established in the early 1990s because the previous law did not apply to academic institutions in the West Bank, which at the time included only Ariel College. ([Haaretz](#) 25 January 2018)

## Other

- Israel's prime minister is suggesting a "new model" for peace with the Palestinians that would allow them to govern themselves but maintain Israeli control over security. Speaking at a discussion at the World

Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, on Thursday, Benjamin Netanyahu declined to endorse a "two-state solution" favored by the Palestinians and most of the international community. Netanyahu said he wanted to avoid labels, but said the Palestinians can have "the whole trappings" of self-governance, while Israel should maintain responsibility for security in the region. The Palestinians, who already have limited autonomy in parts of the West Bank, are unlikely to accept such a proposal. They seek all of the West Bank, east Jerusalem and Gaza for an independent state. The Trump administration is expected to present a peace proposal to the sides that could hew closely to Israeli positions. The Palestinians have preemptively rejected any proposal amid concerns it would fall far below their hopes for an independent state. Netanyahu, though, claimed there was no substitute for the United States to broker a peace deal between the two. "I think there's no substitute for the United States. As the honest broker, as a facilitator, there's no other international body that would do it," Netanyahu asserted, going on to suggest that Trump offered a "refreshing point of view" by threatening to withhold aid money to the Palestinians unless they resume peace negotiations, as he did earlier that day. In a discussion at the economic summit, Netanyahu said the international community has "pampered" the Palestinians. He said that Trump's position intends to have the Palestinians "enter the room and negotiate peace." The Palestinians rejected the US as an honest peace facilitator after Trump recognized Jerusalem as Israel's capital last year. They called Trump's remarks on aid money "unacceptable." ([YNETNEWS](#) 25 January 2018)

- President Donald Trump threatened to withhold aid money from the Palestinians until they return to peace talks with Israel as he sat down with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on the sidelines of an economic summit in Switzerland. Trump said that decision has consequences. The US, he said, gives "hundreds of millions of dollars" to the Palestinians, and "that money is on the table and that money's not going to them unless they sit down and negotiate peace." ([YNETNEWS](#) 25 January 2018)